

# The ROYAL BALLOON.

MR. DEEKER, (in Conjunction with a Gentleman)

BOTH NATIVES OF

Most respectfully acquaint the Nobility; Gentry, and Public at large,

**T**HAT they have compleated a BALLOON, which may be presumed to equal, if not surpass any hitherto presented to the Public: It is 29 Feet in Diameter, and made of an exceeding fine SILK, manufactured for the peculiar Purpose to which it is intended, and prepared with an elastic Gum, which gives Beauty, Safety, and Utility to the Machine; its Colours are variegated, and selected to promote visual Advantage, or enable the Spectator to view it at the greatest possible Distance. The Net-work, encompassing the Balloon is constructed with such Care and Circumspection, and on such a Principle as to defy the Possibility of Accident, and terminates in a Zone, for the Suspension of a superb GONDOLA or BOAT, on the Deck of which stands a beautiful TEMPLE in the oriental Taste, richly embellished and decorated in a Stile of unparalleled Elegance, no Expende having been spared to make its Appearance correspond with the sublime Uses to which Constructions of such Magnitude are applicable.

The Proprietors having been solicited by many respectable Gentlemen to make an ascensional Experiment at NORWICH, made Application to the Mayor and Sheriff of the City for their Leave and Approbation, which was very readily granted by those Gentlemen, together with the most flattering Promises of their Patronage and Support. Encouraged by this generous Reception, emboldens the Proprietors to solicit a general Support, and have therefore erected a temporary Building in Mr. QUANTREL's Garden, near St. Stephen's Gate, for the Purpose of gratifying the Curious and Scientific with the Sight of the Balloon, previous to its being launched, of which timely Notice will be given in all the Public Papers.

Mr. DEEKER, as a Candidate for Public Favour, hopes he may be permitted to assert, without incurring the Charge of wishing to raise any Ideas unfavourable to others, or in the smallest Degree detract from the established Merit of any of his Predecessors in aerial Flights, that no Man has had greater Opportunities of improving from Experience than himself, having constructed, superintended, and filled more ærostatic Globes than any other Person in the Kingdom—Mr. DEEKER also informs the Public, he was Mr. BLANCHARD's Assistant in all his Experiments in this Country, and that the preparatory Measures for that Gentleman's masterly aerial Excursion at DOVER was under his sole Management and Direction; and he has the Authority to add, they were executed to the entire Satisfaction of the Two intrepid Adventurers, and the admiring Multitudes that were assembled on the grand and momentous Occasion under these Circumstances the Proprietors have to hope for the Assistance, (relying on the Candour, Liberality, and Discernment) of a generous Public, without whose Aid their Efforts must prove ineffectual, and their Loss proportionable.

*N. B.* The Balloon admit of Two Ascendants, therefore any Gentleman liberally inclined may have an Opportunity of making an aerial Excursion, by an immediate Application.

**TICKETS** of Admission now issuing at 10s. 6d. each, which will admit the Purchaser once to view the Balloon in its present State, and on the Day of Ascension will entitle the Bearer to a convenient Seat, in which they will be properly secured from any possible Obstruction or Inconvenience, and will be enabled to view distinctly the whole Process of filling the Balloon, which, in itself, abstracted from the Majesty, discoverable in its first Efforts to Ascension, is highly worthy the Attention of the Curious.

**TICKETS** of Admission at 5s. each, which will entitle the Purchaser once to view the Balloon in its present State, and on the Day of Ascension will admit the Bearer into the Garden, to view the whole Process of filling the Balloon.

**T**his Grand Ærostatic MACHINE, with all its necessary Appendages, filled with common atmospheric Air, for the Purpose of conveying an Idea of what may be expected, when it is permitted to rise into the Air, may be viewed every Day (Sundays excepted) from Eight o'clock in the Evening, till Saturday the 14th Day of May, when the Exhibition terminates at the Ascension. **ADMITTANCE** One Shilling each Person.

\*. **TICKETS** may be had at the *White Swan*, in *St. Peter's*; at *Johnson's Coffee-House*; at the *Maid's Head*, in *St. Simond's*; and at *Mr. Quantrel's*, near *St. Stephen's Gates*, *Norwich*.